

**GR 12.1**  
**REGULATORY OBJECTIVES**

Legal services providers must be regulated in the public interest. In regulating the practice of law in Washington, the Washington Supreme Court's objectives include:

- (a) protection of the public;
- (b) advancement of the administration of justice and the rule of law;
- (c) meaningful access to justice and information about the law, legal issues, and the civil and criminal justice systems;
- (d) transparency regarding the nature and scope of legal services to be provided, the credentials of those who provide them, and the availability of regulatory protections;
- (e) delivery of affordable and accessible legal services;
- (f) efficient, competent, and ethical delivery of legal services;
- (g) protection of privileged and confidential information;
- (h) independence of professional judgment;
- (i) accessible civil remedies for negligence and breach of other duties owed, disciplinary sanctions for misconduct, and advancement of appropriate preventive or wellness programs;
- (j) diversity and inclusion among legal services providers and freedom from discrimination for those receiving legal services and in the justice system.

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